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SUBJECT: DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS

REF: (A) OECD PARIS 16012, (B) LONDON 7061

1. THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE US- UK BILATERAL MEETING IN
PARIS (REF A) HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT NOTE TRANSMITTED
IN REF B. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS SHOULD BE RELAYED TO
BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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2. WE WOULD PREFER THAT BRITISH NOTE CONTAIN SPECIFIC DATES RATHER THAN REFER TO # QUOTA YEARS." THIS WOULD ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

3. PARA A) OF NOTE WOULD SHOW THAT THE QUOTA YEAR FOR RUM IS JANUARY 1- DECEMBER 31. THUS ENLARGEMENT OF QUOTA WOULD TAKE PLACE JANUARY 1, 1975, AND JANUARY 1, 1976, WITH COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF QUOTA ON JANUARY 1, 1977. WITH COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF QUOTA ON JANUARY 1, 1977. QUOTA YEARS FOR CIGARS MENTIONED IN PARA C) OF NOTE ALSO ARE ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS. THEREFORE OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE FIRST QUOTA ENLARGEMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE BEGINNING AT THE TIME OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF US- UK AGREEMENT OR SOON THEREAFTER AND THE SECOND ON JANUARY 1, 1974. QUOTA WOULD THEN BE ELIMINATED ON JANUARY 1, 1975, SINCE THIS WOULD BE THE TECHNICAL DATE IN 1975 WHEN ACTION ON

QUOTA YEAR IS TAKEN. IF DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING IS NECESSARY PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PARA B), WE FEEL THAT FOR THE SAKE OF CLARIFICATION IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO SEPARATE OUT A) CANNED AND FROZEN GRAPEFRUIT SEGMENTS-- QUOTA TO END OCTOBER 1, 1975; B) SINGLE- STRENGTH ORANGE AND GRAPE- FRUIT JUICE-- QUOTA TO END OCTOBER 1, 1975; AND C) FRESH GRAPEFRUIT-- QUOTA TO END OCTOBER 1, 1975.

5. THE AGREEMENT ON CIGARS IN PARIS WAS THAT QUOTAS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLED EACH YEAR. HOWEVER, WHEN THE QUESTION AROSE AS TO HOW THIS WOULD BE STATED, WE AGREED THAT THE BRITISH COULD USE SOME OTHER WORDING AS LONG AS IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT WHAT WAS AGREED UPON HAD THE EFFECT OF A DOUBLING OF THE QUOTA.

6. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING AND THE CHANGES CITED IN PARAS 3 AND 4, THE BRITISH NOTE WOULD CONFORM TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE US AGREED TO IN PARIS. ROGERS

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